

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

1. (Currently amended) A communication system for providing information of a medical doctor's questions to patients, said communication system comprising a medical doctor terminal apparatus, a patient terminal apparatus, and a database server apparatus for storing question sets for the medical doctor's questions to patients, said medical doctor terminal apparatus, said patient terminal apparatus and said database server apparatus are connected to each other through a communication network,

wherein said patient terminal apparatus comprises:

first receiving means for receiving the question sets from said database server apparatus, the question sets each including at least one of data and parameters which are dependent on a particular patient among a plurality of patients, wherein the question sets are not executable programs;

program storing means for storing a resident operating program which is not dependent on a particular patient and which is for processing the question sets received from said database server apparatus by said first receiving means;

generating means for generating question programs, which are dependent on a particular patient among a plurality of patients, for making inquiries about a medical doctor's questions to the particular patient patients-in accordance with the question sets received from said database server apparatus by said first receiving means, said generating means generating the question programs by using the operating program stored in said program storing means in combination with the question sets received from said database server apparatus by said first receiving means so as to generate question programs tailored to the particular patient;

displaying means for displaying questions for the medical doctor's questions to patients by executing the question programs generated by said generating means;

entering means for entering answer data to the displayed questions; and

transmitting means for transmitting the entered answer data to said database server apparatus, and storing the transmitted answer data in said database server apparatus; and

wherein said medical doctor terminal apparatus comprises second receiving

means for receiving the answer data stored in said database server apparatus by accessing said database server apparatus, and displaying the received answer data.

2. (Currently amended) The system as claimed in claim 1, wherein said generating means comprises:

| template storing means for storing template question programs corresponding to predetermined answer forms; and

program generating means for generating question programs by inserting question sets received from said database server apparatus into the template question programs.

3. (Original) The system as claimed in claim 2, wherein the answer forms include at least one of:

(a) a first answer form for answering by selecting at least one among a plurality of selection sentences of answers as an answer to the question; and

(b) a second answer form for answering by using a numerical value as an answer to the question.

4. (Previously presented) The system as claimed in claim 1, wherein each of the question sets includes data indicative of an answer form, and a question sentence.

5. (Original) The system as claimed in claim 4, wherein each of the question sets further includes at least one selection sentence.

6. (Original) The system as claimed in claim 4, wherein each of the question sets further includes a goal answer entered by a medical doctor.

7. (Currently amended) The system as claimed in claim 1, wherein:

| said patient terminal apparatus further comprises answer data storing means for storing entered past answer data; and

| said displaying means displays past answer data stored in said answer data storing means in conjunction with the question.

8. (Original) The system as claimed in claim 3, wherein the second answer form includes at least one of:
- (a) a third answer form for answering by directly entering a numerical value as an answer to the question; and
 - (b) a fourth answer form for answering by entering a numerical value indicative of an answer with either one of increasing and decreasing a numerical value starting at an initial value, as an answer to the question.
9. (Currently amended) The system as claimed in claim 8, wherein:
- said patient terminal apparatus further comprises answer data storing means for storing entered past answer data; and
 - the initial value of the numerical value is a numerical value indicative of a previous answer of the corresponding patient included in the past answer data stored in said answer data storing means.
10. (Original) The system as claimed in claim 5, wherein said program generating means comprises changing means for changing a display layout of the selection sentences according to at least one of the number of the selection sentences and the length of each selection sentence.
11. (Previously presented) The system as claimed in claim 1, wherein said medical doctor terminal apparatus further comprises:
- transmitting and storing means for entering a remedy policy for a patient, transmitting the entered remedy policy to said database server apparatus, and storing the transmitted remedy policy in said database server apparatus; and
 - third receiving means for receiving the stored remedy policy for the patient by accessing said database server apparatus, and displaying the received remedy policy.
12. (Previously presented) The system as claimed in claim 11, wherein said medical doctor terminal apparatus further comprises link controlling means for controlling said

third receiving means in accordance with a command from an operator so that said third receiving means receives the stored remedy policy for the patient by accessing said database server apparatus and displays the received remedy policy, when said second receiving means receives answer data and displays the received answer data.

13. (Previously presented) The system as claimed in claim 1, wherein said database server apparatus comprises:

first storing means for storing information about each respective patient;

second storing means for storing questions for medical doctor's questions for each respective question;

third storing means for storing information about linking between the respective patients and respective questions; and

fourth storing means for storing answer data from said patient terminal apparatus.

14. (Previously presented) The system as claimed in claim 13, wherein said third storing means further stores a goal answer entered by a medical doctor, in addition to the information about linking between the respective patients and respective questions.

15. (Currently amended) A patient terminal apparatus for use in a communication system for providing information of a medical doctor's questions to patients, the communication system comprising a medical doctor terminal apparatus, said patient terminal apparatus, and a database server apparatus for storing question sets for the medical doctor's questions to patients, said patient terminal apparatus, the medical doctor terminal apparatus and the database server apparatus being connected to each other through a communication network, said patient terminal apparatus comprising:

receiving means for receiving the question sets from the database server apparatus, the question sets each including at least one of data and parameters which are dependent on a particular patient among a plurality of patients, wherein the question sets are not executable programs;

program storing means for storing a resident operating program which is not dependent on a particular patient and which is for processing the question sets received

from the database server apparatus by said receiving means:

generating means for generating question programs, which are dependent on a particular patient among a plurality of patients, for making inquiries about a medical doctor's questions to ~~patients~~ the particular patient in accordance with the question sets received from the database server apparatus by said receiving means, said generating means generating the question programs by using the operating program stored in said program storing means in combination with the question sets received from the database server apparatus by said receiving means so as to generate question programs tailored to the particular patient;

displaying means for displaying questions for the medical doctor's questions to patients by executing the question programs generated by said generating means;

entering means for entering answer data to the displayed questions; and

transmitting means for transmitting the entered answer data to the database server apparatus and storing the transmitted answer data in the database server apparatus.

16. (Currently amended) The patient terminal apparatus as claimed in claim 15, wherein said generating means comprises:

template storing means for storing template question programs corresponding to predetermined answer forms; and

program generating means for generating question programs by inserting question sets received by said receiving means from the database server apparatus into the template question programs.

17. (Previously presented) The patient terminal apparatus as claimed in claim 16, wherein the answer forms include at least one of:

(a) a first answer form for answering by selecting at least one among a plurality of selection sentences of answers as an answer to the question; and

(b) a second answer form for answering by using a numerical value as an answer to the question.

18. (Previously presented) The patient terminal apparatus as claimed in claim 15,

wherein each of the question sets includes data indicative of the answer form, and a question sentence.

19. (Previously presented) The patient terminal apparatus as claimed in claim 18, wherein each of the question sets further includes at least one selection sentence.

20. (Previously presented) The patient terminal apparatus as claimed in claim 18, wherein each of the question sets further includes a goal answer entered by a medical doctor.

21. (Currently amended) The patient terminal apparatus as claimed in claim 15, further comprising answer data storing means for storing entered past answer data, wherein said displaying means displays past answer data stored in said answer data storing means in conjunction with the question.

22. (Previously presented) The patient terminal apparatus as claimed in claim 17, wherein the second answer form includes at least one of:

(a) a third answer form for answering by directly entering a numerical value as an answer to the question; and

(b) a fourth answer form for answering by entering a numerical value indicative of an answer with either one of increasing and decreasing a numerical value starting at an initial value as an answer to the question.

23. (Currently amended) The patient terminal apparatus as claimed in claim 22, further comprising answer data storing means for storing entered past answer data, wherein the initial value of the numerical value is a numerical value indicative of a previous answer of the corresponding patient included in the past answer data stored in said answer data storing means.

24. (Previously presented) The patient terminal apparatus as claimed in claim 19, wherein said program generating means comprises changing means for changing a

display layout of the selection sentences according to at least one of the number of the selection sentences and the length of each selection sentence.

25. (Currently amended) A medical doctor terminal apparatus for use in a communication system for providing information of a medical doctor's questions to patients, said communication system comprising said medical doctor terminal apparatus, a patient terminal apparatus, and a database server apparatus for storing question sets for the medical doctor's questions to patients, said medical doctor terminal apparatus, the patient terminal apparatus and the database server apparatus being connected to each other through a communication network, said medical doctor terminal apparatus comprising:

first receiving means for receiving answer data stored in the database server apparatus by the patient terminal apparatus, by accessing the database server apparatus, and displaying the received answer data;

transmitting and storing means for entering a remedy policy for a patient, transmitting the entered remedy policy to the database server apparatus, and storing the transmitted remedy policy in the database server apparatus; and

second receiving means for receiving the stored remedy policy which was entered previously for the patient, by accessing the database server apparatus, and displaying the received remedy policy which was entered previously; and

reviewing and entry means for reviewing the displayed answer data together with the displayed remedy policy which was entered previously for the patient, and additionally entering a new remedy policy for the patient with reference to the displayed answer data and the displayed remedy policy which was entered previously for the patient, the new remedy policy being one of an addition to and a substitute of the displayed remedy policy which was entered previously for the patient.

26. (Previously presented) The medical doctor terminal apparatus as claimed in claim 25, further comprising link controlling means for controlling said second receiving means in accordance with a command from an operator so that said second receiving means receives the stored remedy policy for the patient by accessing the database server

apparatus and displays the received remedy policy, when said first receiving means receives the answer data and displays the received answer data.